

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selectively adjusting the elevation of a building material, comprising:

an open-ended, ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base having an upper end, a lower end, an exterior surface, and an interior surface, said upper end and said lower end being generally planar and parallel;

a footing member interconnected to a lower end of said cylindrical base, said footing member having a greater diameter than said cylindrical base to provide enhanced stability;

a first plurality of ~~horizontally oriented~~ ribs integrally interconnected to said interior surface of said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base and positioned between said upper end and said lower end, each rib of said first plurality thereof having an upper surface and a lower surface that are generally parallel and parallel to said upper end of said cylindrical base, wherein an internal diameter of said cylindrical base is reduced in predetermined locations, and wherein each of said first plurality of ~~horizontally oriented~~ ribs is non-continuous having a first end and a second end, thereby defining a first channel;

a ~~substantially~~ cylindrical ~~shaped~~ support member having an upper end, a lower end, an exterior surface and an interior surface, said upper end and said lower end being generally planar and parallel;

a second plurality of non-continuous ~~horizontally-oriented ribs~~ extending depending from said outer surface of said ~~cylindrically-shaped~~ cylindrical support member, each rib of said second plurality thereof having an upper surface and a lower surface that are generally parallel and parallel to said lower end of said cylindrical support member, wherein said upper end of said open ended ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base is adapted to receive said lower end of said cylindrical support member when said first and said second plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented ribs~~ are offset, such that said ribs of said cylindrical support member are received within said first channel to permit vertical non-rotational travel, and wherein when said cylindrical support member is rotated with respect to said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base, said first plurality of ribs and said second plurality of ribs align to substantially prevent vertical movement of said cylindrical support member relative to said cylindrical base; and

a head portion interconnected to said upper end of said ~~cylindrically-shaped~~ cylindrical support member, said head portion having a geometric profile adapted for engagement with the building material to provide operable support.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a third plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented ribs~~ integrally interconnected to said interior of said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base, and offset from said first plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented ribs~~, each rib of said third plurality thereof having an upper surface and a lower

surface that are generally planar and parallel and parallel to said upper end of said cylindrical base and wherein each of said third plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented~~ ribs is non-continuous having a first end and a second end, thereby defining a second channel.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising a fourth plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented~~ ribs that depend from said outer surface of said ~~cylindrically-shaped~~ cylindrical support member that are operably sized to align with said third plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented~~ ribs, each rib of said fourth plurality thereof having an upper surface and a lower surface that are generally parallel and parallel to said lower end of said cylindrical support member.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said first plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented~~ ribs and said third plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented~~ ribs are offset approximately 180 degrees.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said second plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented~~ ribs and said fourth plurality of ~~horizontally-oriented~~ ribs are offset approximately 180 degrees.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said head portion has a plurality of threads on a lower end that are adapted for interconnection to a threaded portion positioned on said upper end of said ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ cylindrical support member such that a total height of said apparatus may be selectively adjusted.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said head portion may be selectively removed from said ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ support member.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cylindrical base, said footing member, said cylindrical support member and said head portion are comprised of at least one of a plastic, a metal, a fiberglass material, and a carbon fiber, and combinations thereof.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said head portion comprises at least one upwardly projecting lip which is adapted for engaging the building surface.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said footing member is integrally interconnected to said lower end of said ~~substantially cylindrical~~ base.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a locking means in operable engagement with said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base and said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical ~~shaped~~ support member, wherein rotation of said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical ~~shaped~~ support member is substantially prevented with respect to said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said locking means comprises at least one of a pin, a screw, a bolt mechanism, an adhesive, a cam, a spring clip and a hook.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said open end[[,]] of said ~~substantially~~ cylindrical base is at least partially closed.

14. (Currently Amended) A non-threaded apparatus for selectively adjusting the elevation of a building surface, comprising:

a ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ base having an open upper end, a lower end, an internal surface and an exterior surface, said open upper end and said lower end of said base being generally planar and parallel;

a footing member interconnected to a lower end of said ~~base~~substantially cylindrical base, said footing member having a greater diameter than said cylindrical base to provide enhanced stability;

a ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ support member having an upper end, a lower end, and an outer surface with a diameter adapted to allow insertion of said lower end of said support member into said open upper end of said base, said upper end and said lower end of said support member being generally planar and parallel;

an adjustment means comprised of a plurality of non-threaded ~~circumferentially oriented~~ ribs interconnected to an outer surface of said ~~substantially cylindrical~~ support member and said internal surface of said ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ base, each non-threaded rib of said plurality thereof having an upper surface and a lower surface that are generally planar and parallel and parallel to said upper end of said base and said upper end of said support member, wherein said ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ support member may be selectively positioned to a predetermined height with vertical, non-rotational travel and subsequently rotated wherein said plurality of non-threaded ~~circumferentially oriented~~ ribs of said ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ base and said ~~substantially cylindrical shaped~~ support member engage to substantially prevent any vertical movement of said support member relative to said base; and

a head selectively interconnected to said upper end of said support member, said head having a geometric profile that ~~which~~ is adapted to engage a portion of a building surface.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said plurality of non-threaded ~~circumferentially oriented~~ ribs extend outwardly in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to a longitudinal axis of said ~~substantially cylindrical~~ shaped base.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 14, further comprising a second plurality of non-threaded ~~circumferentially oriented~~ ribs interconnected to said outer surface of said ~~substantially cylindrical~~ support member and said internal surface of said ~~substantially cylindrical~~ base, and oriented on an opposing side of said first plurality of non-threaded ~~circumferentially oriented~~ ribs.

17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said apparatus is comprised of at least one of a plastic, a fiberglass, and a metallic material, and a carbon fiber.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said base is cylindrical and wherein said first plurality of non-threaded ~~circumferentially oriented~~ ribs

have a length of at least about one quarter of the circumference of said ~~cylindrical shaped~~ base.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said support member ~~cylindrical shaped base~~ has a threaded upper end adapted to receive a threaded portion of said head.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein an upper surface of said head has at least one vertically extending member adapted to engage said building surface.

Claims 21-25 (Cancelled)